

Psalm 107

- 1 Thank the Lord because he is good. His loyal love continues forever.
- 2 That is what **“the people the Lord has saved”** should say. They are the ones he has saved from the enemy.
- 3 He has gathered them from other lands, from east and west, north and south.

“The Disoriented”

- 4 Some people had wandered in the desert lands.
They found no city to live in.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty.
They were discouraged.
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- 6 In their misery they cried out to the Lord.
He saved them from their troubles.
- 7 He led them on a straight road to a city
where they could live.
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- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his love
and for the miracles he does for people.
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- 9 He satisfied the thirsty. He fills up the hungry.

“The Rebellious”

- 10 Some sat in gloom and darkness.
They were prisoners suffering in chains.
- 11 They had rebelled against the words of God.
They had refused the advice of God Most High.
- 12 So he broke their pride by hard work.
They stumbled, and no one helped.
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- 13 In their misery they cried out to the Lord.
He saved them from their troubles.
- 14 He brought them out of their gloom and darkness.
He broke their chains.
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- 15 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his love
and for the miracles he does for people.
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- 16 He breaks down bronze gates.
He cuts apart iron bars.

“The Self-Destructive”

- 17 Some became fools who turned against God.
They suffered for the evil they did.
- 18 They refused wholesome nourishment.
So they almost died.
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- 19 In their misery they cried out to the Lord.
He saved them from their troubles.
- 20 God gave the command and healed them.
So they were saved from dying.
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- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his love
and for the miracles he does for people.
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- 22 Let them offer sacrifices to thank him.
With joy they should tell what he has done.

“The Self-Reliant”

- 23 Others went out to sea in ships.
They did business on the great oceans.
- 24 They saw what the Lord could do.
They saw the miracles he did.
- 25 He spoke, and a storm came up.
It blew up high waves.
- 26 The ships tossed as high as the sky and fell
low in the waves. The storm was so bad
the men lost their courage.
- 27 They stumbled and fell like men who were drunk.
They did not know what to do.
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- 28 In their misery they cried out to the Lord.
He saved them from their troubles.
- 29 He made the storm be still.
He calmed the waves.
- 30 They were happy that it was quiet.
And God guided them to the port they wanted.
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- 31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his love
and for the miracles he does for people.
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- 32 Let them praise his greatness in the meeting
of the people. They should praise him in
the meeting of the older leaders.

- 33 He changed rivers into a desert, and springs of water into dry ground.
- 34 He made fertile land salty because the people there did evil.
- 35 He changed the desert into pools of water and dry ground into springs of water.
- 36 He had the hungry settle there. They built a city to live in.
- 37 They planted seeds in the fields and vineyards. They had a good harvest.
- 38 God blessed them, and they grew in number. Their cattle did not become fewer.
- 39 Because of disaster, troubles and sadness, their families grew smaller and weaker.
- 40 He showed he was displeased with their leaders. He made them wander in a pathless desert.
- 41 But he lifted the poor out of their suffering. He made their families grow like flocks of sheep.
- 42 Upright people see this and are happy, but the wicked are speechless.
- 43 Whoever is wise will remember these things. He will carefully consider the loyal love of the Lord.

My response to the loyal love of the Lord...